

GUIDE FOR
LOW-SMOKE, HALOGEN-FREE (LSHF)
POLYMERIC CABLE JACKETS

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It is up to the user of the cable to determine the performance criteria of the application and match them appropriately to the requirements of the overall cable design, not just the cable jacket.

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